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Minutes
Student Academic Policies Committee

Date: September 10, 2012

Attendees: G. Doyle, A. Eywaraye, T. Lau, J. McCombe

Guest: Kathy Harmon (Assistant VP for Financial Aid and Scholarships)

The SAPC had raised the issue of the amount of scholarship that is distributed from one year to the next for full and part time students. Ms. Harmon explained the present scholarship policy and outlined a new policy that will be presented to the Board of Trustees (BoT) in October, 2012.

Under the present policy full time students receive a fixed dollar scholarship for eight semesters. For various reasons this scholarship can slip into the fifth year for a student with special circumstances, e.g. co-op or medical. In fact some students have asked for extension of the scholarship into a ninth or tenth semester. Again, under special circumstances the university sometimes will agree to that extension. For part time students the university will grant a pro rata scholarship if a student requests consideration.

It was brought up that there is a belief on campus that international students were paying full tuition. This is inaccurate. International students are awarded university scholarships.

It was also clarified that students are receiving an additional books' scholarship of \$500/semester, up to \$4000 if they complete the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid).

The new policy, while not fixed yet, will propose that an incoming freshman in the fall of 2013 will be offered a tuition-fixed scholarship for eight semesters. The net effect is that the percentage scholarship will increase each year as tuition increases. For example, if the "sticker price" for tuition is \$16,000 per semester, and the student receives a 40% scholarship his or her freshman year, the student will pay \$9,600/semester for the freshman year, i.e. the university grants a \$6,400/semester scholarship. If the "sticker price" for tuition increases by 5% the student's second year, the student will still pay \$9,600/semester his or her sophomore year, with the university granting a \$7,200/semester scholarship. The effect is that the student will receive almost a 43% scholarship. The same up scaling procedure would occur during the student's third and fourth year.

Since Enrollment Management is ready to present the above-mentioned policy to the BoT, and it is in line with the SAPC's suggestion, the SAPC will not act further on the scholarship distribution issue at this time.

After, and if, the BoT approves the new scholarship policy, it was suggested that Kathy Harmon might address the Senate to outline this policy.